

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/176
COVID-19 Hospital Admissions and Deaths

Request details

Dear Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,

I am writing to request information from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am looking for data on COVID-19 Hospital Admissions and Deaths with and without Underlying Illnesses.

In terms of the definition of "underlying health issues", I am happy for you to base this on any information that you have readily available. Other countries have used illnesses including diabetes, lung disease, cancer, immunodeficiency, heart disease, hypertension, asthma, kidney disease, liver disease, and obesity.

1. The number of hospital admissions of people with Covid-19 without any underlying health issues.

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. The number of hospital admissions for people with Covid-19 under the age of 40.

March 1st 2020 to 29/05/2020.

Transfers between UHB hospital sites have been excluded.

Number of Hospital Stays	COVID-Y
0-5	4
6-10	1

11-15	3
16-20	11
21-25	8
26-30	18
31-35	26
36-40	35
Summary	106

Please note the UHB cannot identify those “admitted with” COVID-19, only that they have tested positive. Similarly, we can only identify deaths with COVID-19 and not from COVID-19.

3. The number of deaths of people under the age of 40 from Covid-19 without any underlying health issues.

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